



Charles A. Woodford
American Legion Post 2007



August 25, 2025

Meeting was called to order at 1905 hours by the Commander.

Roll of Post officers was called with all officers and Executive Committee members were present with the absence of Senior Vice Andrew Dunham, Sgt at Arms Gary Stacy and Executive Committee Members Mary Monett and Robert Thomas.

The Sergeant at Arms announced two guests in attendance: Al Dotson and Clevon Holmes.

No special presentations.

The Commander asked if there were any changes to the previous meeting minutes. No corrections noted, minutes stand as presented.

The **Membership Report** was given showing the Post has 91 of 158 paid members for 2026.

Finance Report – The Finance Officer reported we had a checking account balance of \$8,082.72 available with and an additional \$723.34 in savings. We also have repurchased our \$3,000 short-term Certificate of Deposit. A breakdown of funds held for the various programs was also provided. A motion was made by Steve Duff to accept the report subject to audit. Seconded by Todd Herzog. Membership approved.

Poppies – Poppy Day on August 9th took in over \$443. The next Poppy Day is October 18th at the Greenmount Commons Lowes.

Veteran Affairs – The next meeting will be held August 26th at 7 p.m. at the VAC at 19 Public Square in Belleville.

Community Patriotic Observances – POW/MIA Day is September 19th. There will be a ceremony at VFW Post 805 in O'Fallon at 10 a.m. There will be lunch after the ceremony, all are welcome. There will be a Veteran's Day ceremony at the Square. The Commander will be working with the Village of Swansea to see if they have anything planned and what we can do to help. Patriot's Day is Sept 11th. PSOP will have donuts available 10 a.m. sponsored by the VFW.

Honor Guard – Rich has contacted the VFW to start a joint team. The Commander stated that State Bill 0220 passed amending the Military Leave Act to allow paid employees up to 8 hours of leave for members of veteran organizations who participate as part of an honor guard at military funerals.

Americanism – No Report

Boy Scouts – Dave Devine stated our sponsored troops had two youth working on Eagle projects. We have not heard from another scout that wanted to pursue a project at Messinger Cemetery. He will contact the scout's parents to find out his status.

Constitution and By Laws – No Report. The Commander said to look at the Bylaws and make suggestions if you have any. Todd Herzog asked how we can get a copy. The Commander said he would obtain the document and provided to those that want a copy.

Gifts to the Yanks/Visiting Vets – Robin Latdrick reported that we have 18 veterans between the homes. She will be bringing cards to the meeting next month for signature to be provide to the vets for Veteran's Day.

Children and Youth – No Report

Oratorical – No Report

Boys State – No Report. Steve Duff volunteered to chair the program.

Rehabilitation – No Report

Employment – The Commander stated that those in need of employment can go to the VAC and ask if they can help.

Post Service Officer Report – This position is possibly going away for the Legion and VFW. Services are available at the VAC or the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs. These services are free.

Other Committees

1. Annual Dinner – No report
2. Buddy Checks – Another round will be done in November. Todd Herzog stated he needed volunteers to help contact all members listed on our roster.

Sick Call – Howard Bateman's wife is in the hospital.

Unfinished Business

1. Update of Post By Laws was postponed with no report from Robert Thomas.
2. We will work to have the Post's link from the VAC website change to direct traffic to our Facebook page. Chip Barbour would work on this.
3. No update on contact with High Mount School. Steve Duff will continue to make contact.
4. The Executive Planning meeting for the 2026 Post year will be done electronically with a goal to be completed by October 1st.

Correspondence

1. A Thank You card from Alison O'Neal for the flowers and members attending Les' visitation.
2. USO Missouri request to attend a Post meeting to explain the mission of the USO.
3. The Scott POW/MIA Council asked for a donation for their annual ceremony. The ceremony will be held at VFW Post 805 in O'Fallon this year at 10 a.m. with lunch to follow. Donations are due by September 13th.

4. A statement from the Great American Insurance Group stating our policy expires on November 1st at 12:01 a.m. We have not received a quote for the next year yet.
5. Membership cards were received and given to the Membership Chair who has already starting mailing card out to members.

New Business

1. Steve Duff motioned to provide \$100 to the Scott POW/MIA Council. Seconded by Chip Barbour. Membership approved.
2. Todd Herzog moved to invite the Missouri USO to the October meeting. Seconded by Joe Ocasio. Membership approved. We do need to discuss how to advertise this presentation to encourage a higher attendance.

Memorial to Departed Members – No known passings.

For the Good of the Legion

1. Steve Duff mentioned that Bill Crispman, 67 with Dementia wandered off in Swansea and still has not been found.
2. Chip Barbour stated he had found the Public Act concerning Military Leave and would email a copy to the Adjutant.
3. Kenny Green suggested that any member needing to pay dues see the Membership chair.
4. Kenny Green pointed out that our very own commander had been name as Legionnaire of the Year for the Department of Illinois.
5. The Commander stated that business cards and stickers for the Veteran's Crisis Hotline were available on the Sgt at Arm's table. Two vets were lost in the past 30 days and we needed to help bring that number to 0.
6. The order form for polo shirts is also on the Sgt at Arm's table for anyone that wished to get a shirt. We need to order 12 to 15 shirts before the vendor will accept the order.

30/30/30 results for a third of the \$42 collected went to Todd Herzog who donated his \$14 for stamps for mailing. The Pot of Gold name was pulled with Samuel Hahn listed. He was not present so the \$158 rolled over to the next meeting on September 22nd with \$172 in the pot.

Next Meeting to be held on September 22nd at 7PM with Executive Committee Meeting to be held at 6:30 p.m.

Meeting adjourned at 2008 hours